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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONFIGURING NETWORK DEVICES WITH

SUBNETWORKS IN AN ATM ENVIRONMENT AND RETRIEVING

PERMANENT VIRTUAL CHANNEL (PVC) CONFIGURATION INFORMATION

FROM NETWORK DEVICES

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Sir:

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that the following application,

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referred to as the "related application", contains subject matter that is related to the subject matter of the present application. The related application may contain one or more claims that are substantially similar to one or more claims in the present application, and those claims may have been rejected in the related application. Therefore, the Examiner is encouraged to review the file history of the related application as some of the information contained therein may be material to the examination of the present application.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The references were cited during the prosecution of the parent application, serial number 10/010,811, now U.S. Patent 6,714,972. Enclosed is a copy of Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 and it is respectfully

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